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Dangerously cold. Boston EMS transports several people with injuries related to exposure to arctic temps. **Evacuation.** Burst pipes force the relocation of patients and closure of parts of Brigham and Women's Hospital. **Be warned.** Officials offer tips to stay safe as the extreme cold continues today. PAGE 02

Any exposed skin became painful in a matter of minutes Tuesday, and the same will be true today with the National Weather Service forecasting wind chills that will plunge temperatures to minus 4 degrees. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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Today's tweet

"Can someone please explain why it was 58 degrees yesterday and is 12 today? #sickjoke #boston"

Welcome to New England, @mcokeefe1.

Drug bust

No orange fingers here.
MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

Police find 2,400 Oxycodone pills in Cheetos can

Massachusetts State Police said they discovered 2,400 Oxycodone pills Saturday during a traffic stop in Sturbridge.

The driver, Nicholos Guiod, 29, and a passenger, Jacki Lemerich, 25, both Maine residents, were arrested after police came upon the Cheetos can, which was allegedly filled with several bags full of the narcotic.

Both were booked and held on $50,000 bail.

The pair faces charges of drug trafficking and conspiracy to violate a drug law. METRO

Airport blues

JetBlue resumes service at Logan

JetBlue Airways on Tuesday resumed departures from Boston after shutting down operations as cold weather hobbled its network.

The carrier on Monday suspended flights at Boston Logan International Airport, as well as airports in the New York area, to allow time to recover from recent storms and low temperatures. REUTERS

Quoted

"We are definitely hyper sensitive when the temperature drops like this."
Martin

The arctic blast has resulted in a layer of ice coating the Charles River. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Boston's arctic temps will continue today

Frozen stiff. Boston is bundling up and bracing for more cold.

Boston may not have had it as bad as other parts of the country Tuesday - here's looking at you, Chicago - but with a windchill that dropped to minus 3, it's safe to say residents were none-too-pleased to step foot outdoors.

Though temps are expected to rise slightly Wednesday, things don't look much better.

According to the National Weather Service, Boston was 56 degrees at noon Monday, and 15 degrees at the same time Tuesday – a 41 degree difference. The NWS has forecasted a high near 23 Wednesday, with wind chills as low as minus 4 and gusts as high as 26 mph.

By 5 p.m. Tuesday, Boston EMS had treated and transported four patients because of exposure to the cold.

"There weren't any life threatening injuries, but it's a good reminder that people need to take appropriate precautions in this kind of weather," said Boston Public Health Commission spokesman Nick Martin.

EMS responded to a total of eight cold-related emergency calls on Friday and Saturday.

"These are pretty small numbers, but we are definitely hyper sensitive when the temperature drops like this," Martin said.

In response to the dangerous temperatures, Mayor Marty Walsh on Tuesday directed city agencies to be on alert, and reminded residents to take precautions to stay warm and to look out for elderly family and neighbors who may be vulnerable to the cold.

Health officials said they are urging Bostonians to layer clothing, cover exposed skin, keep moving while outdoors and drink warm and non-caffeinated fluids. Residents are also urged to keep pets indoors, and avoid heating their homes with ovens.

"I know it gets cold, and people tend to heat houses in ways that they shouldn't," Martin said. "We strongly advise against people using ovens or stoves [for heat] because of the threat of carbon monoxide."

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Cold safety

Experts issued the following tips to stay safe in the cold.

- Never use an oven for heat.
- Electric-powered, portable heaters should never be left on while sleeping and should be kept at least three feet away from combustible materials.
- To avoid frozen pipes, let warm water drip overnight in faucets, preferably from a faucet on an outdoor wall, and leave cabinet doors open to allow heat to reach uninsulated pipes.

T crime. Man arrested in beating of disabled rider

Transit Police said they have arrested a 20-year-old Dorchester man, who is accused of stealing a disabled man's cane and beating him with it at Andrew Square bus station Saturday.

Miquel Velasquez faces charges of unarmed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. The beating was captured on surveillance video and released on the Internet.

"We would like to thank all the Boston media outlets which reported on the incident. It generated vast publicity greatly aiding in the ... arrest of the person responsible," T Police said on their blog. METRO

LGBT

Cambridge among most LGBT-friendly

Cambridge ranked as the fourth most LGBT-friendly city in America in a recent ranking by The Advocate magazine. Topping the list was Washington, D.C. Boston received an honorable mention at No. 25. METRO

Flooded. Burst water pipe evacuates hospital

Patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital were relocated and diverted early Tuesday after a burst pipe sent water flooding through a building on the campus.

The hospital said that the burst occurred at about 6 a.m. on the sixth floor of the inpatient building, and caused flooding and impacted floors below.

"Currently, elective surgical procedures as well as cath lab and EP lab procedures are being postponed," the hospital said in a statement.

Patients needing emergency services were temporarily diverted. MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Off the menu: McDonald's says McRib to be unavailable in Hub

Breaking the ribs. McDonald's tweeted that the beloved sandwich will not be offered in the Boston area this year.

No McRib for you. / GETTY IMAGES

Fans of questionable yet delicious pork sandwiches got a taste of reality Tuesday when a Boston man tweeted McDonald's of Eastern New England asking where he can find a local McRib.

"Our apologies @chriswillrocku, but the McRib will not be available in the Boston area this year. Sorry for the inconvenience," the fast-food chain responded.

McDonald's recently opted to remove the sandwich from its national menu, leaving it up to local franchises to decide whether to offer it.

"The McRib is especially difficult to track down this year," said Alan Klein, who launched the McRib Locator so people could report sightings of the elusive sandwich. "The past few years we were spoiled with the nationwide releases that allowed fans to find it at most locations, at slightly different schedules."

When asked for comment, Nicole DiNoia, McDonald's Communications Manager in the Boston Region, said "McRib is not a permanent menu option on the Eastern New England McDonald's menu, and while it will be offered in other areas of the U.S., it will not be available in our area this year."

Twitter reacts

- "@McDEasternNE @armyoftoys @chriswillrocku NNNNNOOO

Mayor Walsh appoints six to team on first full day

Mayor Marty Walsh, center, introduces the new members to his cabinet, including from left Trinh T. Nguyen, Alejandra St. Guillen, Joyce Linehan, Joe Rull, Keith Williams and Eugene O'Flaherty. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Appointees. Four of the people Walsh introduced worked for his campaign.

On Tuesday, his first full day in office, Mayor Marty Walsh announced some of the newest appointments to his team including the founder of a Dorchester public relations company and a former State House colleague.

Joyce Linehan, who served as a press adviser during Walsh's campaign and who is the founder of Ashmont Media, will serve as Walsh's chief of policy. Linehan also is a music promoter and co-owner of an independent record label.

Also coming to work for the city is state Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty. The Chelsea democrat will become the city's corporation counsel.

Walsh also picked Joe Rull as chief of operations, Alejandra St. Guillen as interim director of the Office of New Bostonians, Keith Williams as interim director the Office of Small and Local Business Enterprise and Trinh Nguyen, currently chief of staff at the Boston Housing Authority, as interim director of the Office of Jobs and Community Service.

Two of the appointees, O'Flaherty and Rull, do not live in Boston, but Walsh said they will have six months to relocate to the city.

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River tragedy. Duck hunting trip turns deadly

Rescue crews recovered the bodies of two duck hunters and rescued a third after their boat apparently overturned in the Westport River, authorities said Tuesday.

Two of the hunters were found dead by the Westport harbormaster and the third man was helped after a U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer reached him, a Coast Guard spokesman said. The rescued man was taken to a Rhode Island hospital.

State police said they were called to the area of the Westport River Tuesday morning to assist Westport Police after a report of an overturned skiff and three missing duck hunters. State police said they dispatched dive teams and its air unit to the scene. The Coast Guard launched a helicopter to assist in the search.

Authorities found the skiff and later found the men.

It was not immediately clear how the boat overturned and what happened to the hunters.

State police and the Bristol district attorney's office are investigating.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Indirect deposit

BU says employees were victims of Internet scam

Several Boston University employees apparently fell victim to an Internet phishing scam that resulted in their pay getting routed elsewhere.

The scammers obtained the logins for 10 BU employees, allowing them to divert the employees' direct deposits in December, according to BU Today. METRO

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Record freeze settles into eastern US, disrupts travel

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Passengers heading into downtown Chicago wait on an L train platform in below zero temperatures on Tuesday. / GETTY IMAGES

A deadly blast of arctic air shattered decades-old temperature records as it enveloped the eastern United States on Tuesday, canceling thousands of flights, driving energy prices higher and overwhelming shelters for homeless people.

Authorities have put about half the United States under a wind chill warning or cold weather advisory, with the icy conditions snarling air, road and rail travel. Temperatures were expected to be 25 degrees to 35 degrees Fahrenheit below normal from the Midwest to the Southeast, according to the National Weather Service.

Major U.S. cities were in the grip of temperatures well below freezing, with Chicago seeing temperatures of minus 4 F, Detroit minus 5 F and Pittsburgh 1 F.

Atlanta recorded its coldest weather on this date in 44 years, when the temperature dropped to 6 degrees Fahrenheit, while temperatures in northern Florida also briefly dropped below freezing.

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Deaths

6

Six deaths have been reported across the country since a polar air mass swept over North America over the weekend.

Aid

Obama-backed jobless bill clears GOP roadblock

A White House-backed bill to renew jobless benefits for 1.3 million Americans narrowly cleared a Senate Republican procedural roadblock on Tuesday.

On a largely party-line vote of 60-37 — 60 were needed to prevail — the Senate agreed to begin consideration of the measure, which would extend benefits for three months at a cost of $6 billion.

The Senate may vote later this week on whether to approve the bill and send it to the Republican-led House of Representatives, where it may die unless there is a deal to cover the cost without increasing the federal debt.

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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Niall Horan is feeling chatty, Samantha Ronson is not used to mornings, and Dana Delany is feeling unloved.

@NiallOfficial: Hello everyone. How ya doin?

@samantharonson: Tried to be a human being and went to sleep before midnight, now I'm wide awake. Is this what you guys do? Now what?

@DanaDelany: I lost 150 followers with Twitter update. Weird. Anyone else?

Nothing to see here, folks!

Kellan Lutz on those juicy Miley rumors

Ever since being spotted together at Beacher's Madhouse MGM around New Year's, "The Legend of Hercules" star Kellan Lutz has been linked with the world's most famous twerk monster, Miley Cyrus. But is there any truth to that rumor? We spoke to Lutz, who set the record straight.

"I adore the girl, and people assume stuff just because you're photographed at a party with multitudes of celebrities and public figures," he says. "She's been a close friend of mine for years and we're friends. It's always great to hang out, especially with her being so busy and me being so busy, but the gossip and all these rumors that insiders say, they're funny because I don't look at these tabloids. … I'm like, 'Where do people come up with this?' It's like, people can just say 'insiders said' and then they can cover their butts that way. But no, she's an awesome girl and a really good friend." MEREDITH ENGEL

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Girls, girls, girls — and even more girls

Jemima Kirke, Lena Dunham, Allison Williams and Zosia Mamet celebrated the "Girls" season 3 premiere at Lincoln Center on Monday in New York City. Other hot "girls" — including Kim Gordon, Anna Wintour and "The Daily Show" correspondent Jessica Williams — were also in attendance.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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People are still talking about Jessica Simpson's mom jeans

Sure, celebrities have wealth, good looks, prestige and never have to stand in line for a new iPhone. But sometimes being famous isn't all it's cracked up to be, because maybe one day you will do something innocuous like wear an ill-suited pair of jeans for a few hours. And then, like a kind of denim herpes, those jeans will haunt you for the rest of your life.

Case in point: Jessica Simpson, who donned this pair of jeans at a concert in 2009. 2009! Yet we as a society are still talking about it. Not only are we still talking about it, but an entire episode of "Oprah" revolved around these jeans in 2010. Jeans that don't even look that terrible.

And poor Simpson was asked about them yet again in this month's cover story for Redbook. "What's so unbelievable is that I was probably at least 15 pounds smaller than I am right now," she said. "What's more unbelievable is that the press could create something like that out of a pair of jeans. … What woman wants to be brought down for wearing a pair of jeans?"

Is there something about these jeans that I don't know? Are they culpable in the genocide of an entire race of people? Did they beat someone and then leave them to die in an alley? Did they invent reality television? Please, let's go back to asking Jessica Simpson the questions that really matter — like, what's up with her weight?

The jeans heard 'round the world.

Talking points

Emma Roberts is engaged (uh-oh)

Evan Peters reportedly proposed to his "American Horror Story" co-star and girlfriend, Emma Roberts, over the holidays in New York before heading off to London for New Year's, according to People magazine. The couple returned to the U.S. this week, with Roberts sporting a diamond. Roberts, who has been dating Peters since 2012, was arrested on domestic violence charges last year after an incident that left Peters bloodied, though she was released a few hours later.

Hot new couple alert

Sean Penn and Charlize Theron have been spending nearly every day — and night — together since returning to L.A. on New Year's Day from a getaway in Hawaii, according to E! News. "They are spending night after night together and moving very fast," a source says.

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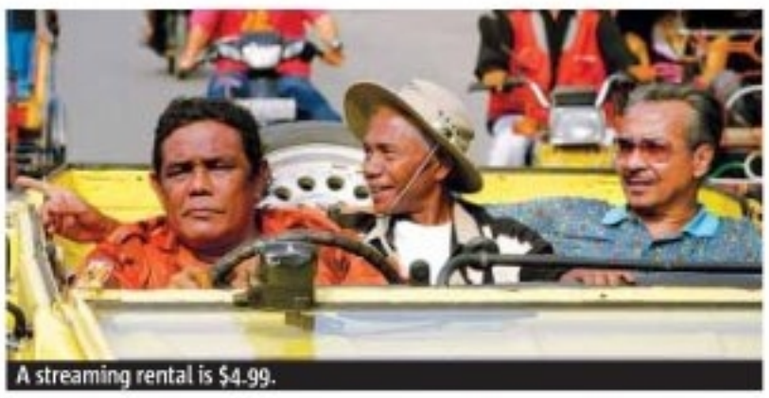
Our first offering is "The Act of Killing," one of the major frontrunners for this year's Best Documentary Oscar and among the finest nonfiction films of 2013.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Despite being charged with human rights violations, the murderers were never tried and in fact are celebrities, openly boasting about their crimes. Oppenheimer spent years talking to former perpetrators, none of whom expressed remorse, before settling on the group he profiled.

Oppenheimer asked them to recreate their crimes in movie form. Each chose a different genre, yielding some of the craziest sights in recent cinematic history.

"The Act of Killing" has proved a worldwide sensation, including at home, where it avoided being outlawed and instead has created a national conversation about the genocide that tragically formed the basis of modern Indonesia. It's by turns horrifying, darkly comic and deeply moving, challenging ideas of what to do with evil — particularly criminals who have never been forced to question or pay for their actions.

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By Attorney George Warshaw

It's a New Year and not a bad time to look at your life and reassess where you are and what you are doing.

The same is true with your estate planning.

The problem I've seen with much of estate planning is that people plan as if what is true today will be true tomorrow.

People prepare a will or a trust and leave it in a box to get dusty. They fail to reassess every year and fail to include reassessment in their planning. That's where you have to be smarter about it.

An example. Let's say you have young children. How do you really plan for a child who is age 5 today and age 20 fifteen years from now? You can plan for generalities like education and medical care, but will your plan work if your child gets into drugs, gets in with the wrong crowd of kids, has learning problems, attitude problems, mental problems, etc.

Any plan has to be conceived with uncertainties in mind, and thus has to be reviewed every year.

That's the smart way to approach it. And never forget in any estate plan that the first goal in planning is to take care of yourself first. ©2014 George Warshaw.

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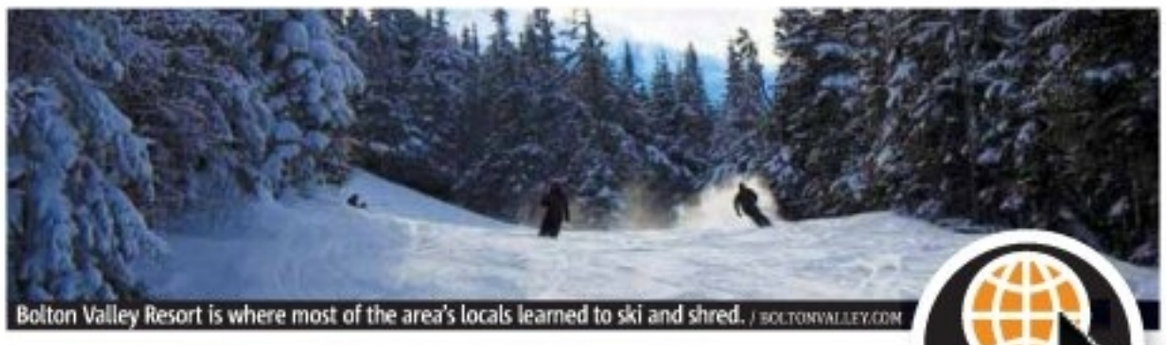

Bolton Valley Resort is where most of the area's locals learned to ski and shred. / BOLTONVALLEY.COM

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This condo is great for a couple or a group of friends. / RICH GARDNER

Happy trails. Consider buying a ski condo this season.

When it comes to the real estate adage "location, location, location," a condominium set near Bolton Valley resort in Vermont scores high points.

"It's in a great spot, a ski trail runs right by the condominium's bedroom window," says real estate agent Rich Gardner. "There are lots of trails for snowshoeing and year round hiking, too. It's a really cute place for people who want to enjoy the snow at weekends or hiking in the off-season."

"Cute" generally means small, but this condo has everything a pied-à-terre needs and is "priced in the happy investment range," says Gardner. After prices plummeted during the recession, second homes are now seeing some regain in value, but can still be a good investment. But the real investment is in recreation time.

"This place is ideal for a couple who wants a weekend getaway, but it easily sleeps more. It would work for some friends to go in on together and do their own time-share. Friends usually rent, but making an investment like this can make sense."

Bolton is a three-plus hour drive from Boston and around 24 miles from Burlington International Airport. The resort is smaller than nearby Stowe, making for less hassle during peak season. "It gets busy, but not like Stowe, not real, real busy. It's more personal. Bolton Valley is where all the locals learned to ski. It's a great spot for night skiing, too," he says.

Some folks who live in Bolton don't even wait for resorts to open up — as soon as they see a white cap on the mountain they hike up, find some snow and ski down as far as they can.

"This is definitely the way people used to ski years ago," says Gardner. "It's a long walk up, and a short ride down."

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Rich Gardner, real estate agent

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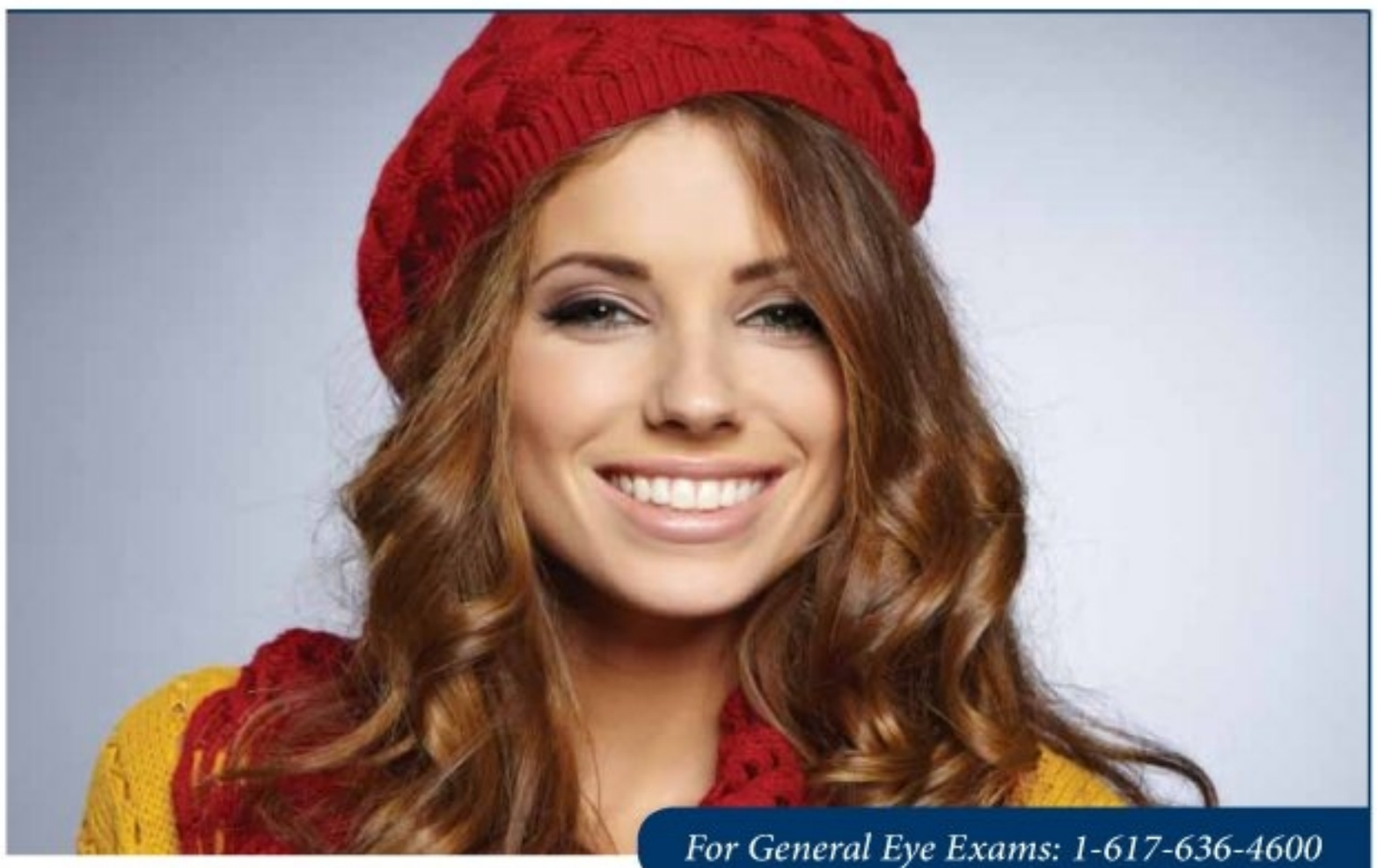

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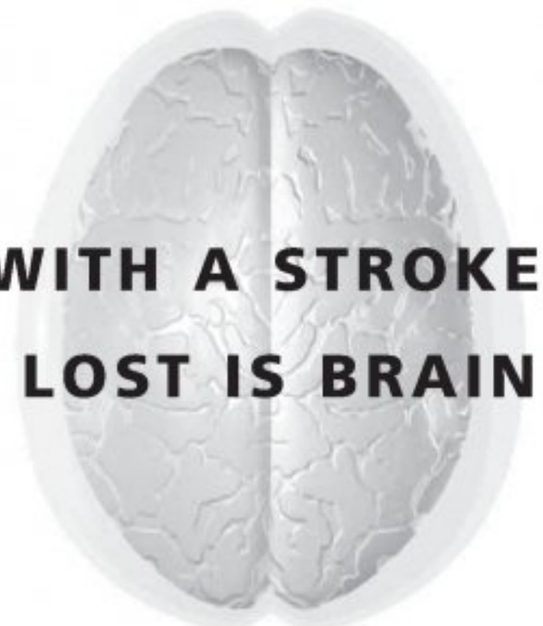

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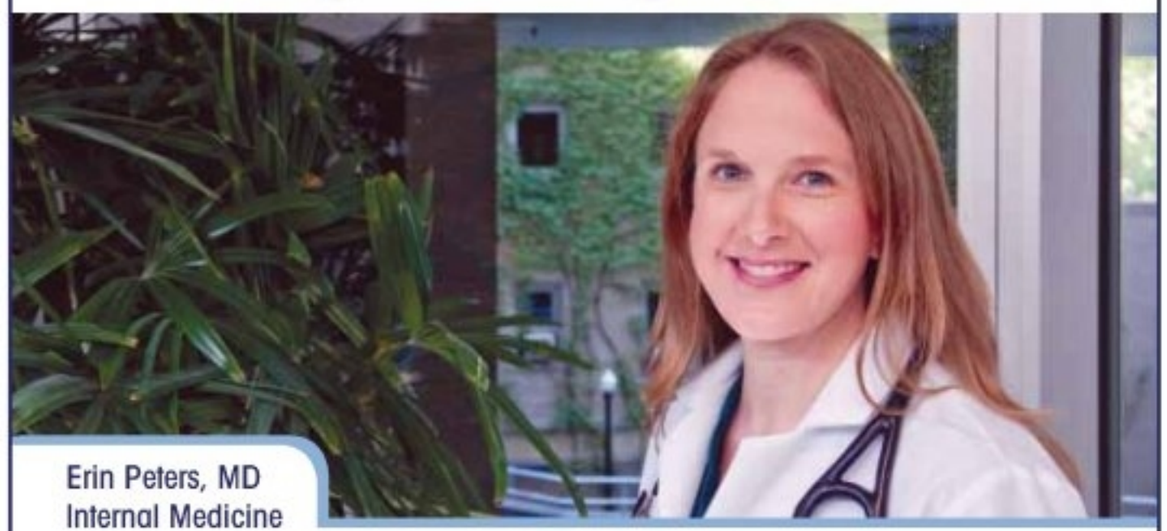

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♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Don't let your emotions lead you astray. Do your share at home and contribute to projects that need to be finished. Staying busy will help you keep the peace and avoid criticism.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Listen to advice being offered, but make choices based on what's best for you. Not everyone will understand what will make you feel happy and accomplished.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Consider ways to make your bank account grow. Offering a service or investing in something that will help you expand your marketable interests can pay off. Love is in the stars.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't wait until you are forced to make a change. Stay on top of every situation you face. Preparation and organization will help you bypass trouble.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You've got insight, knowledge, expertise and determination, so don't let anything stand between you and your goal. A promise will add security to an important relationship.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Ask questions, do your research and focus on innovation when it comes to finding solutions. Keep life simple by being honest about who you are.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Your emotional commitments and your desire to get ahead financially will keep you busy today. Don't lose sight of what's important, and be sure to nurture relationships.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your heart is in the right place, but not everyone will agree with your actions. It would be best to keep a low profile and work quietly.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Sign up for something that you think you might enjoy. Spending time with the younger or older people in your life will help you see your situation from a different perspective.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You will face trouble at home due to stubborn or demanding people. Work on projects that can help alter areas of your life that you find difficult.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Share your thoughts and engage in functions that will bring you in contact with creative free-thinkers. It's a good day to make unusual lifestyle changes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Prepare to make a change, but before you do, make sure you have everything in place. Preparation and execution will determine how far you will go and how successful you will be.

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Letters

The great American way

Re: 'Those who obey the law have no fear' (Metro, Jan. 6) Letter writer John Francis Fox, who responded to the letter "Who needs enemies when you have the government?" is living in a fantasy world if he thinks that we have nothing to fear from the government if we "aren't doing anything wrong." Need I remind you of historical examples like the Japanese internment, or perhaps the contemporary fact that the United States has by far the largest prison population per capita in the world? How about the recent Supreme Court ruling that police are not meant to "protect and serve," as we'd always thought, but simply to enforce the law, whatever it may be. Of course, many low income citizens are already aware of that kind of policing, especially those targeted by policies like stop-and-frisk.

We owe the government no support for its brutal and vengeful actions post-9/11, even though we lost so many innocent American lives that day. The U.S. government has killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqi and Afghan civilians, including thousands of children, since we invaded the Middle East. But whatever it takes to keep us Americans safe, right, John?

ALEXANDRA BERNSON, VIA EMAIL

John Francis Fox has a lot of faith in our government's infallible ability to separate those who break the law from those who do not — after all, no innocent person is ever convicted, held or punished when they have not committed any offense. The ability and desire of our government to punish only those who have done wrong should be unimpeded based on its record, and its wisdom and discernment in these matters should remain unquestioned. After all, it's what democracy and the Constitution are all about.

JOHN WOODS, VIA EMAIL

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Across
1 Kind of shower
7 "Arabian Nights" bird
10 Mae West persona
14 Common antiseptic
15 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
16 Plaintive reed
17 Tigers and bears
18 Pinch off
19 Scope out
20 Unsuccessful endeavor
23 Wild shrub
26 Female rabbit
27 Singers Hall and —
28 Bok —
29 Molasses-based drink
30 Tractor-trailer
31 Dull routine
32 "Westworld" name
33 Madrid coins
37 Suffix for "press"
38 Is, to Fritz
39 Sporty truck
40— and yang
41 Long low hounds
43 Half a couple
44 Ski instructor
45 Wield, as oars
46 Profile
47 Transvaal trekker
48 Longed for
51 Ad— committee
52 Jackson or James
53 Comfort food (2 wds.)
56 Obey
57 Butter container
58 Aquatic mammals
62 Ocean-going bird
63 1860s initials
64 Boutiques
65 Train for boxing
66 "You, there!"
67 Despot

Down
1 Overalls front
2 Caviar, actually
3 Mont. neighbor
4 Perturb
5 Silly trick
6 What you pay at sales
7 Haphazard
8 Pimiento holder
9 Dracula's attire
10 120 or 240
11 Roughly
12 Mary Tyler —
13 Chinese dogs, slangily
21 Teen bane
22 Bang and zoom
23 Cancel
24 Mr. Spock's fellow officer
25 Dust particles
29 Out of practice
30 Nostalgic fashion
32 Investment returns
33 Volcanic glass
34 Misspellings
35 Buenos —
36 Sleeper's noise
42 Lead-footed driver
46 Mumbai
47 Odds-taker
48 Crowning points
49 Insect sound
50 Hair dye
51 Split-level
52 Pier
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55 Mislaid
59 Age
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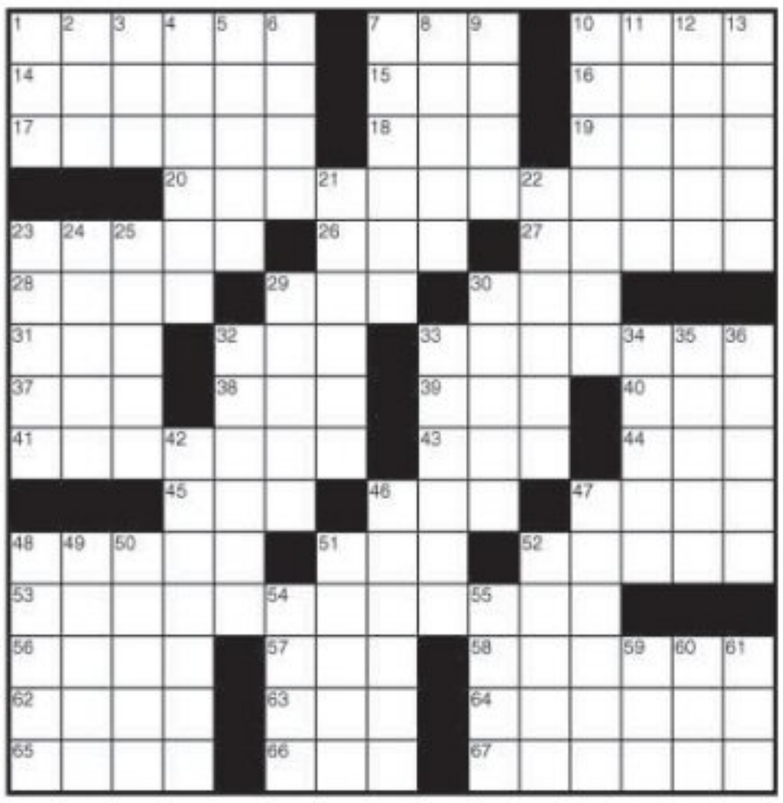

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Black & gold Olympians

Bruins will be well-represented at Sochi Olympics

While there are no Bruins players on Team USA as the Winter Olympics in Sochi draw closer, the B's will be well-represented in February.

Boston defenseman Zdeno Chara is the captain for Slovakia, Patrice Bergeron will represent Canada, Tuukka Rask will represent Finland, David Krejci will represent the Czech Republic and Loui Eriksson will be a fixture for Sweden.

Bruins head coach Claude Julien will be an assistant for Team Canada, which captured the gold medal in the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver.

In somewhat of a surprise, Milan Lucic was not selected to represent Canada. MATT BURKE

Pass the tissues

Stuffed-up Brady talks cold, Branch signing with Indy

Tom Brady had the sniffles during his Tuesday press conference at Gillette Stadium and confirmed that he had a cold.

"A little bit," Brady said. "But I'll live. I'll be there (Saturday night). Hopefully [the cold] won't be on the injury report. I'll try to talk my way out of that. ... I feel good (physically). I'm ready to go."

Brady also talked about former teammate Deion Branch signing with the Colts, just days ahead of the Patriots' divisional round matchup with Indianapolis.

"It's nice to see a guy get an opportunity, especially one of your great friends," Brady said.

MATT BURKE

NBA power rankings | by James Toscano

No. 1

Pacers (27-6)

Last week's loss to the Raptors looks like nothing more than a blip on the radar as the Pacers maintain their spot at the top of the rankings. Indiana will only get better as Danny Granger grows into his role off the bench. Expect the Pacers to be here once again next week as they face off against the Hawks, Wizards and Kings. Things will get interesting the following week with games against the Clippers and Warriors.

No. 2

Heat (26-8)

With Andrew Bynum now a free agent, could he head to Miami and contribute down low? If so, would Dan Gilbert go certifiably insane?

No. 3

Thunder (27-7)

Reggie Jackson had the best game of his young career Sunday (27 points). If he can step in for Russell Westbrook like that, OKC will be just fine.

No. 4

Blazers (26-8)

The Blazers have cooled off a bit, losing three of their last five. But with, perhaps, the best starting unit in the NBA, they remain dangerous.

No. 5

Warriors (23-13)

Winners of nine in a row going into Tuesday's game against the Bucks. In other words, they're a "grown man" team, as Mark Jackson would say.

No. 6

Rockets (22-13)

When you look at the Rockets roster — Dwight Howard, James Harden, Chandler Parsons — you'd think they'd be better than sixth out West.

No. 7

Spurs (26-8)

How much stock can you put in a blowout win over the Chris Paul-less Clippers? Some, but not a ton. Wake us up in May with these guys.

No. 8

Clippers (24-13)

When flops go wrong: Chris Paul is out for up to six weeks after separating his shoulder. Just kidding on the flop, but that's a big blow for LA.

No. 9

Mavericks (19-15)

Wednesday's game against the Spurs in San Antonio, whom they lost to at home the day after Christmas, will be a real test for the Mavs.

No. 10

Suns (20-12)

Without Eric Bledsoe, the Suns just don't have enough firepower. He'll most likely miss the Suns' entire five-game road trip.

No. 11

Pelicans (15-17)

To watch Anthony Davis do what he does with just one eyebrow is truly inspirational. Imagine his numbers if he had two?

No. 12

Grizzlies (15-18)

The Griz aren't bowing out. A trade for Courtney Lee should help the outside game a bit. Eventually they'll get Marc Gasol back and make a run.

No. 13

T'Wolves (17-17)

They've got talent. They've got health. In a long NBA season, those two things combined could help them get into the postseason.

Best of the rest

- **No. 14 Hawks (18-17)** As expected, the Hawks are finding it difficult without Al Horford. Look for this team to make a move for a center at the deadline.
- **No. 15 Nuggets (16-17)** The losing streak has finally ended with wins over the Grizzlies and Lakers. It looks like Andre Miller may be done in Denver after a falling out with Brian Shaw.
- **No. 16 Raptors (16-16)** OK, it's time to give this team a bit more respect than it deserves. After all, they are now at .500!

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Winter Olympics

Vonn out for Sochi Games

Downhill skier Lindsey Vonn will miss the Winter Olympics in Sochi after suffering a knee injury. "I am devastated to announce I will not be able to compete in Sochi," Vonn said.

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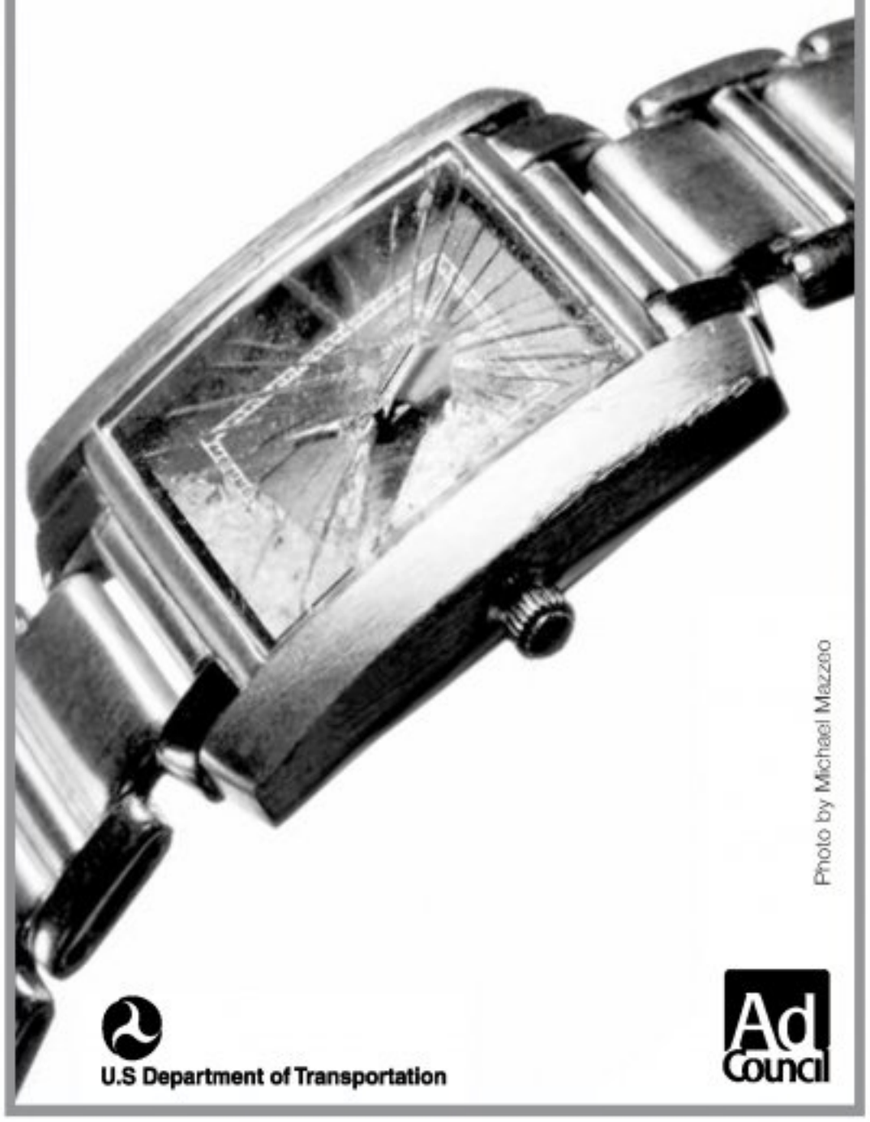

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